

Harpswell Conservation Commission

Minutes for Workshop Meeting, February 10, 2009

Municipal Office Building, 263 Mountain Road, Harpswell, Maine 04079

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maryann Nahf at 3:05 PM.

Members present: Maryann Nahf (chair), Anne Perry, Tony Barrett, Burr Taylor, Deirdre Strachan, Don Jones

Absent: Ann Nemrow

Also present: Carol Tukey (Town Planner)

Minutes of the February 3, 2009 meeting were approved with edit (2009).

Old Business. Open Space Plan

- a. **Public Hearing review.** Mr. Weeks' question re: an endangered species in Focus Area 3 was addressed. His main concern was loss of use of his land. We should be more proactive, offer to look into these concerns if we can't answer them on the spot. Tony: can we use the 40% figure for acres in Harpswell in the FAs? Burr: how do we feel about saying there need be no conflict between environmental sensitive development and open space. To be further discussed.
- b. **Response to mailing to large Focus Area landowners.** 2 negatives from website; Carol had 2 calls on the positive side. Others had about equal plus and negative or neutral.
- c. **TV feature.** Call-in date TBA. Discussion: stress water quality and quantity, what will future generations say about our stewardship?

New Business.

- a. **Publicity at Town Meeting.** Ask for 5 min presentation. HCC members should be ready to answer questions, concerns. Perhaps stay near mike? Stress beneficials to all, repeat them. Talk about open space local hero, Captain Sinnet who donated Giants Stairs, Others? **Tables:** Power Point, Adopt-a-road? Composters? More discussion next meeting.
- b. **Town Report cover.** Maryann put together four pictures of open space in Harpswell.
- c. MEACC (Marcel) would like HCC to present at their Annual Meeting, Brunswick HS, May 1-2 on our OSP experience.

Other Business

- a. **Composters.** Fred will redo the flyer with the correct name to write a check to.

Adjourned 4:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Perry, Secretary.

Next meetings: Regular meeting February 17 (Meet at HHLT, 153 Harpswell Neck Road, , 3:00).
Next HCC Workshop meetings February 24, 3:00 PM.

Other scheduled items: Thursday, Feb. 12, 9 AM, Bath. SRRI meeting on trails.

Thursday, Feb. 19-Harpswell Business Association meeting presentation.

Monday, Feb. 23, 5-6 PM – Vernal Pool training, 1st phase indoors, Freeport (second phase April 19, 3:30-5:30 PM in Yarmouth).